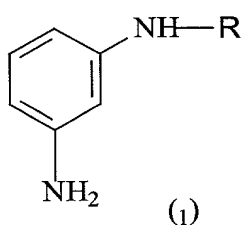
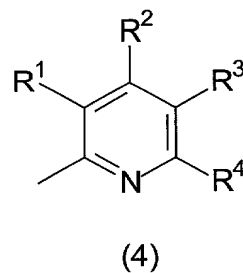
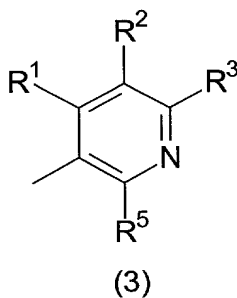
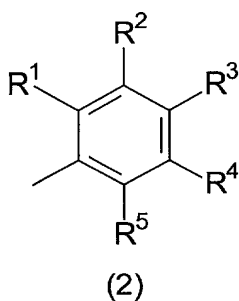


ABSTRACT

Hair-coloring compositions comprise at least one coupler of formula (1)

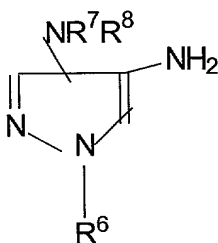


wherein R is a moiety selected from formulae (2), (3) or (4)



wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are each independently selected from a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a C₁-C₄ alkyl or haloalkyl group, a C₁-C₄ alkoxy or haloalkoxy group, and a nitrile group,

in combination with one or more primary intermediates of Formula (5)



(5)

wherein R^6 and R^7 are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a C_1 to C_4 alkyl group, a C_2 to C_4 hydroxyalkyl group, a benzyl group or a phenyl group, and R^8 is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a C_1 to C_4 alkyl group, or a C_2 to C_4 hydroxyalkyl group, or the physiologically tolerated, water-soluble salts thereof.